

Friday, January Twenty-ninth, 1915.

WILLARD RUNS
ON DITCH BANKSays It's Equal to Mountain
Climbing; He Likes His
New Training Camp.

Jess Willard, heavyweight pugilist, and Tom Jones, who have been stopping in town since their arrival here, moved bag and baggage, Thursday afternoon, to the Knoblauch ranch, at which Willard will train. The ranch is on the county road about half a mile west of West Velasco.

Upon the arrival of the party at the camp Willard carefully looked the ground over and after having seen the house and shed he exclaimed: "The finest training camp ever seen in the United States." Then he began discussing the kindness of Charles F. Knoblauch, and his family in moving out and giving him the use of the place as a training quarters. He kept repeating: "What do you think of that? I would like to see any other part of the country get out and give up their home that way." Suddenly he rushed everybody up the bank of an irrigation ditch, "Look at that! That's the spring of it," he said. "The soil has just the proper resiliency. It is not too soft, either, but just soft enough that your feet will not get tender." And by crossing from one side of the ditch to the other I can get the same effect as from mountain climbing. This is simply made to order for road work." When it was explained to him that the ditch runs all the way to Fabens his delight knew no bounds. He was simply like a youngster with a new toy. His spirits dropped a little, however, later in the evening. He found something too big for even his massive frame. Before leaving New York Jess had ordered three very high priced awateer coats, and the manufacturer had carefully taken his measure. After trying them on one after another Thursday night Jess threw them all on the floor in disgust and exclaimed: "I know I am big. But it looks as though those people were trying to insult me, sending me a coat that would fit an elephant."

Where Willard Lives.

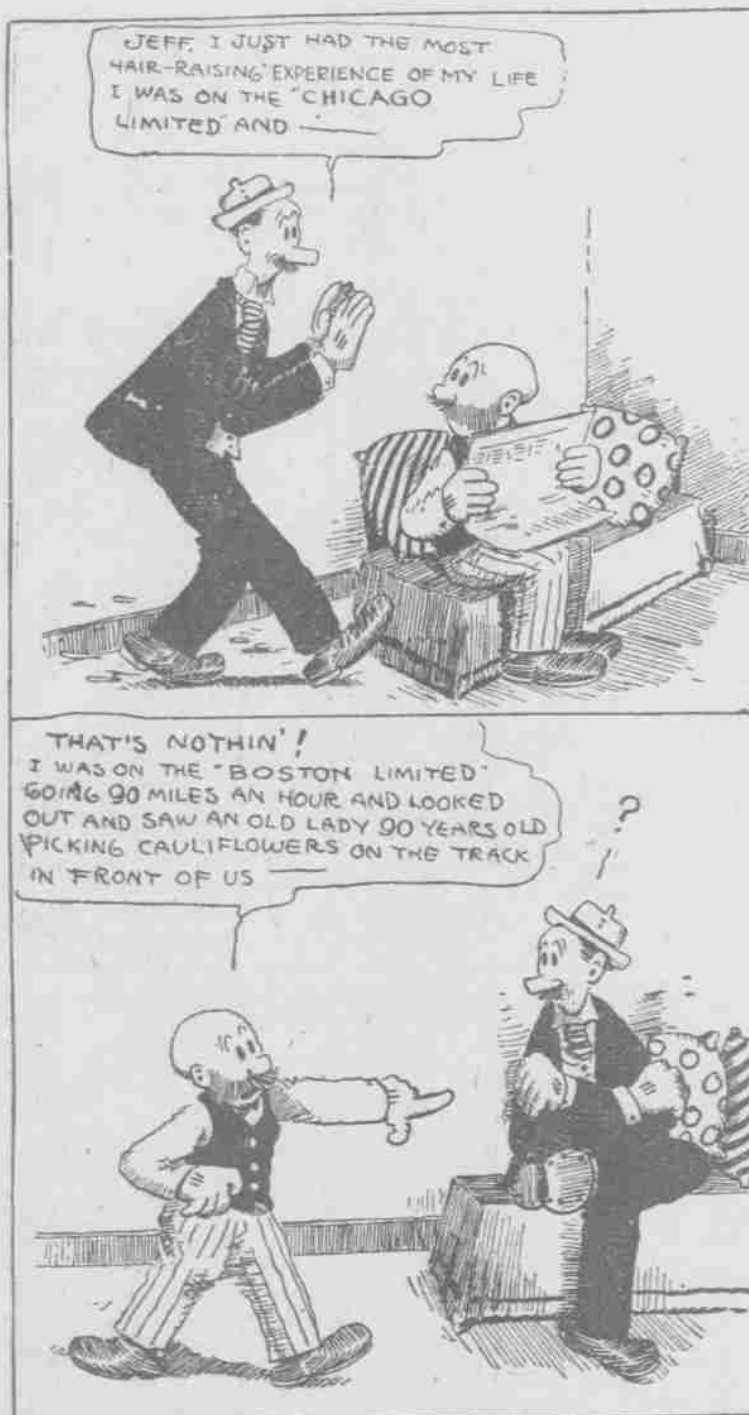
The building which will house Willard and his sparring partners is well situated. The house is within 60 feet of the county road, with the shed directly in rear of it. The latter within 25 feet of the interurban car line. The street car company has put in a station which will be known officially as Willard station. This station is within 20 feet of the shed where Willard will hold his daily workouts.

Tom Jones spent the day Thursday getting the camp in shape, putting in furniture, having the ground filled in rear of the house and doing many other things. He worked the spring effect that he had everything in splendid shape by evening. An electric piano has been installed in the parlor, and alongside of it is a Victor Victrola. So the camp will certainly not want for music at least. The house contains nine rooms. Willard and Jones will have their own rooms, while the sparring partners will double up in the other rooms. Ed Wisniewski, the chief, has already been installed as Willard and Jones are of the opinion they have secured a prize.

The Training Shed.

The shed is some 25 feet back of the house and is open on two sides. The ground having a natural slope, it will be possible for fully 2500 people to watch the workouts. The ring will be placed in the northwestern corner of the shed, with the punching bag next to the ring and the weights next to the punching bag. Tom Jones has arranged to hang large posters of his own fights and also to hang paper bearing their records on the inside. The Pioneer Motor company which has sold Jones an eight cylinder 1915 model King car for use between the training camp and El Paso

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and Juarez, has agreed to donate a large multimodal electric sign. This sign will be placed on top of the shed and will have the sign, "Knoblauch Ranch, Training Quarters of Jess Willard." A painted canvas sign carrying the same statement will be placed at the railroad crossing of the Southern Pacific. This sign, which will be six feet by 12, will also display the words: "Half mile south to the Willard training camp." The house has a wardrobe which is half as large as an ordinary room. This wardrobe will be used as a rub room.

Willard Begins Workout. Friday morning Willard did about five miles road work down the irrigation ditch and back. Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock he had his first workout. In future he will work daily at 2:45 p. m. Tex O'Rourke and several others of his sparring partners will be in the camp Monday and then real training will begin.

Willard is taking no chances in regard to his food and drink. He has brought with him a dozen gallons of

distilled water and will drink nothing else while in training. There are two cows to furnish milk and butter for the camp, and the ranch also furnishes the chickens and eggs. Tom Jones will run the camp on a strictly sanitary basis. Every man will have his own silverware, glassware, crockery, table linen, towels, soap, etc., and each man's articles will be carefully kept separated from those of another.

Johnson Reaches Barbados.

Late Thursday afternoon Jones received a cablegram from Jack Johnson stating that the giant black had arrived safely at Barbados, off the coast of Mexico. In the morning, Johnson states that as soon as he obtains proper guarantees of safe conduct through Mexico he will start for Juarez.

ALTA VISTA SOCCER TEAM BEATS AXY BY TWO TO ONE

One of the best soccer games of the year to the Junior league was played at the Alta Vista school grounds Thursday afternoon, when the boys representing that school in the Junior league defeated the Axy team by a score of 2 to 1. The Axy team, which was composed entirely of Mexicans, greatly outwitted the Alta Vista boys, and through their superior weight the Mexican boys were able to score a goal shortly after the game started and to keep the ball in the Alta Vista territory throughout the first half. In the second half, however, team work began to tell and in the last few minutes of play Ernest Lullana, right inner wing, and Russell O'Connell, center for the Alta Vista team, were able to get the ball between the uprights and under the cross bar, thereby giving the victory to the American boys. One thing which the game brought out is that the Alta Vista team has by far the best halfbacks in the Junior league. Glenn Modler, at left halfback; Randolph Jones, at right halfback; and Bob Osborne, at center halfback, which is easily the best superior to any other three halfbacks in the league.

EL PASOANS MEET TO MAKE PLANS FOR BASEBALL CLUB

Robert Kravack, Park Pittman, Will I. Watson, Art Woods, Bob Holliday and several other prominent El Pasoans will meet at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon to make some action on a baseball team for the coming season. It is very probable that action will be taken to obtain a franchise for El Paso in the Copper League and to appoint a manager. Several men are in prospect for the job, but the general impression is that Jack Eberlein, last year's first baseman for the Galveston, Texas, league team will be selected for the position.

GILBERT AND GEORGE FIGHT TEN ROUND DRAW

Gilbert, of Denver, and Kid George, of Sacramento, fought ten rounds to a draw here Thursday night. Gilbert dropped George for the count of nine in the second round. George evaded the standing in subsequent rounds by persistent jabbing.

THOMPSON LEADS IN BILLIARDS; HAS VIRTUALLY WON TOURNAMENT

Thompson Has Beaten All Others in Tournament Here, and Has Lost but One Game; Coast League Has Released Overall, Former Baseball Star, Unconditionally; Stallings Seeks New Players.

By J. G. BRANN.

TOMMY THOMPSON is three cushion champion of El Paso. You can put that down in your little notebook. Tommy's victory over young Beardsley practically clinches the title for him. Of course Tommy has a few more games to play in the present tournament being held at the Gem billiard hall, but he has it over the opponents he is to meet to such an extent that these matches can only be considered as workouts. And too much credit cannot be given Thompson, for throughout the tournament almost everybody has been against him. Nearly all have pulled for one of the Beardsleys or for Tom Kelly to win over him. And they have rooted against Tommy to the limit. But he has beaten them all and beaten them as fairly and as decisively as it would be possible for a champion to win. From the time the tournament opened at the Gem conditions have been against Thompson in more ways than one. In addition to having most of the followers of the game against him he had to give away points to some really strong players. Not only that, but owing to the fact that several players originally entered in the tournament dropped out Thompson had to play a number of his matches under the greatest difficulty. On more than one occasion he entered a match with no practice because of being late to a late hour that he was scheduled to play. And in almost every one of these instances his opponent had had a good half hour of practice.

Despite the handicaps under which he labored, Thompson has overcome them all and during the tournament

has lost only one game. Even those who have pulled against Thompson believe now that he had an off night in the one match which he lost. Whether or not that is the case he has proved conclusively that he is the best three cushion billiard player in El Paso today. Thompson does not confine himself to the three cushion game. He has shown marked ability in all games with the ivory. When Benny Allen, champion pocket billiardist of the world, visited El Paso about a year ago it was Tommy who was selected from among the many pocket billiardists in the city to oppose the champion. And he put up a very creditable match. Thompson is strictly an El Paso product. Many of the players entered in the tournament had come to El Paso with the races and had contested in billiard tournaments elsewhere, many of them quite successfully. One player in the tournament had won the three cushion championship of Montreal, Canada, no later than last summer. But Tommy disposed of him as easily as he did of the other contestants. The great play which he has shown in the tournament entitles Thompson to a place among the many who have carried the name of El Paso throughout the country through their achievements in outdoor athletics.

The standing of the billiardists to date follows:

Name	Played	Won	Lost	Per.
T. Thompson	18	17	1	.944
E. Beardsley	15	12	3	.800
J. Kelly	14	12	2	.857
E. Beardsley	14	11	3	.786
R. Palmer	15	11	4	.733
C. Harper	13	10	3	.769
D. Murphy	12	9	3	.750
C. Williams	11	7	4	.636
F. Harlicker	10	6	4	.600
E. Beardsley	10	6	4	.600
C. Foster	10	5	5	.500
J. Moore	10	5	5	.500
C. Weston	10	5	5	.500
G. Bell	10	5	5	.500

High run to date, E. Beardsley, 7.

Overall, once star pitcher for the Chicago Cubs, the man who, with "Miner" Brown, brought to Chicago several championships in the National league as well as a world's championship, is to be given his unconditional release by the San Francisco Coast League club. After being released by the Cubs, Overall returned to his first love on the coast. He has pitched there for the past couple of seasons, but it appears that he has grown too slow for that company, too. At least that is apparently the opinion of Henry Berry, president of the San Francisco club, who has announced that he will release Overall unconditionally. Overall has really been released some time ago, and owing to a technicality in his contract, he could have declared himself a free agent. However, as he was self a free agent merely through a technicality it is doubtful that any club in organized baseball would have signed him. In order to remove all obstacles from his path Berry will give Overall his unconditional release and thereby enable him to sign up with any club that will have him. In granting Overall his unconditional release Berry is creating a precedent, as such a release has never before been granted in the history of the Pacific coast league.

The belief that George Stallings would stand pat on his lineup of 1914 for the coming season has been proved decidedly erroneous. Already Stallings has secured Sherwood Magee from the (Continued on next page.)

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